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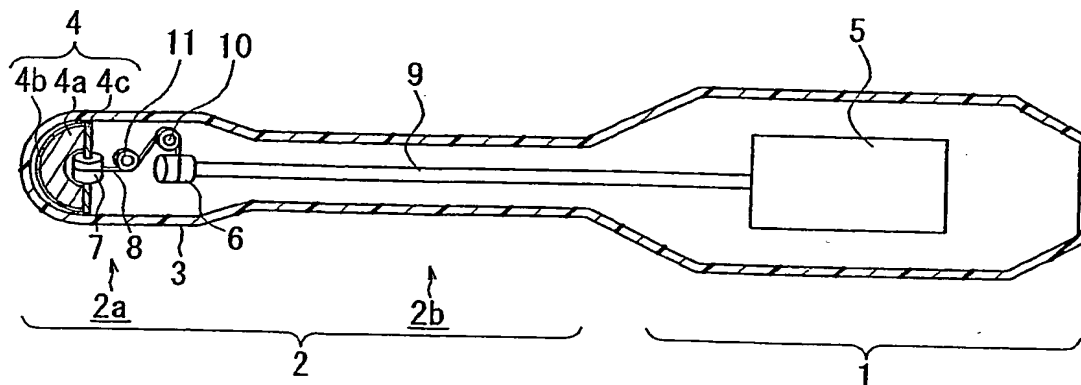
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(57) Abstract: An ultrasonic probe, comprising an insert part inserted into a body cavity and a grip part (1) held by an operator on the outside of the body cavity, the insert part (2) further comprising a vibrator unit (4), a rotating shaft installed in the vibration unit, and an oscillation mechanism oscillating the vibrator unit (4) about the rotating shaft, the grip part (1) further comprising a motor (5) generating a drive force driving the oscillation mechanism, the oscillation mechanism further comprising a shaft (9) connected to the motor (5), a first pulley (6) coaxially fitted to the shaft (9), a second pulley (7) coaxially fitted to the rotating shaft of the vibrator unit (4), and a wire (8) stretched to be laid out between the first pulley (6) and the second pulley (7).

(57) 要約: 本発明の超音波探触子は、体腔内に挿入される挿入部と、体腔外にて操作者により把持されるグリップ部 1 とを有する。前記挿入部 2 は、振動子ユニット 4 と、これに設けられた回転軸と、振動子ユニット 4 を回転軸を中心に揺動させる揺動機構とを有し、前記グリップ部 1 は、前記揺動機構を駆動する駆動力を発生するモータ 5 を有する。前記揺動機構は、前記モータ 5 に連結されたシャフト 9 と、前記シャフト 9 に同軸的に取り付けられた第 1 のプーリ 6 と、前記振動子ユニット 4 の回転軸に同軸的に取り付けられた第 2 のプーリ 7 と、前記第 1 のプーリ 6 と前記第 2 のプーリ 7 とに掛け渡されたワイヤ 8 とを有する。

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